Remarks

The applicants have carefully considered the Office action dated October 4, 2006. In view of the forgoing amendments and the following remarks, reconsideration of the application is respectfully requested.

The Office action indicates that claims 1-13 and 29-41 are allowable, claim 14 is objected-to, and claims 27 and 28 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 101.

The applicants have amended claim 14 in accordance with the examiner's suggestions. It is respectfully submitted that the forgoing amendments obviate any objects that may have been proper. Accordingly, claim 14 and all claims depending therefrom are in condition for allowance.

Claim 27 now recites an apparatus comprising, *inter alia*, a memory associated with a virtual machine and a virtual machine monitor communicatively coupled to a transaction profiler and configured to: identify a bus transaction request with the virtual machine monitor and store a record associated with the bus transaction request in the memory associated with the virtual machine. For a claimed invention to be statutory, it "must produce a 'useful, concrete and tangible result.'" (MPEP § 2106(II)(A)). Claim 27 clearly produces a tangible result for at least the reason that the apparatus stores a record associated with the bus transaction request in the memory associated with the virtual machine. It is respectfully submitted that the forgoing amendments obviate any rejections under 35 U.S.C. § 101 that may have been proper. Accordingly, claims 27 and 28 are in condition for allowance.

Reconsideration of the application and allowance thereof are respectfully requested. If there is any matter that the examiner would like to discuss, the examiner is invited to contact the undersigned representative at the telephone number set forth below.

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